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Italian Invasion Stamps And Paper Money

Four Centennial Stamps Issued For Uruguyan Geographic And Historic Institute In August

By Kent B. Stiles, In New York Times

A cetury ago, when Joaquin Suarez was President of Uruguay, Andres Lamas Uruguayan historian, statesman and writen and founder of the Montevidean newspaper El National, conceived the idea of establishing what would be known as the Historic and Geographic Institute of Uruguay. On May 25, 1843, when Uruguay, once a part of Argentina, was joining with Argentines in the celebration of the thirty-third anniversary of Argentina's May 25, 1810, revolution, President Suarez officially approved the plan of Lamas, and on May 25, 1844, the institute was formerly opened. A letter received from Montevideo last week brings four stamps issued there on Aug. 24, and at other Uruguayan postoffices on Aug. 25, Uruguay's Independence Day, commemorating the centenary of the institute. Values and colors are: 5-milesimos mauve, 1-centesimo blue, 2c rose and 5c brown. The design presents Clio, Greek-Roman muse of history, with an open book in left hand and blowing a trumpet against a back-ground of the terrestrial globe and the sun's rays. "Centenario del Institute Historico Georgrafico' and the dates 1843 and 1943 are inscribed at the top. The series was produced at the Imprenta National, the government printing office.

Andres Lamas had surrounded himself with a group of Uruguayan and Argentine intellectuals, including poets, writers, doctors, historians and philologists noted for their democratic ideas, and they elected him the institute's first president. Then Juan Manuel de Rosas, the tyrant of Buenos Aires, waged wars against Uruguay and other neighboring republics, and Lamas and others had disagreements with their own Government and were banished into exile, and the institute had only a brief life.

In 1915 the idea was taken up again by journalists and statesmen and the institute was re-established and the centenary finds it in full and prosperous activity, with Dr. Rafael Schiaffino, noted Uruguayan hygienist, as president. Its aims today are in general the ones originally defined by Lamas, including compilation of manuscripts, books, maps, etc., on America's early and modern history and the study of all allied subjects and of native tongues.

SCOOP NEXT WEEK

The first important minor variety or error in any of the current series of flag stamps. Illustration of the mystery variety will be printed. How did it happen, what is it, the experts are stumped. Watch your stamps you may find a worth while variety. See this paper next week for first flag stamp error.

Complete Story Comes In Joint News Release By Treasury And War Dept. Previous Stories Lacked Much Detail

Although dated back in early August, we have obtained a copy of the "Joint Statement by the Treasury and the War Department" with regard to the planning, production and issue of the postage stamps and currency which are now in use in invaded Italy. We previously printed some matter on this series of stamps and currency but the complete story has not yet been printed in any philatelic publication.

At the same time we have a letter from the Treasury Department in reply to our reqeust for photographs of the stamps for publication and are advised as follows: "This operation is exclusively a military one, and the War Department has thus far declined to authorize reproduction of these stamps, also it has been held that legal authority does not exist for their release in this country to collectors."

To all of which we would say bologna and we don't mean "Bologna".

However, sooner or later the stamps will be in this country even if we have to wait till after the war and then buy them from the Italian stamp dealers.

Following is the complete story as issued by the Treasury and War Department and at the end we have added a bit of new information on the colors of the stamps, which was not in the original story.

Allied expeditionary forces, seeking to establish orderly relationships with the people of liberated Sicily, are introducing into its occupied areas an "Allied Military Cu. ency," speaking of "Lira" language that will be understood by every Sicilian trader and consumer.

It may now be revealed that a distinctive currency, determined upon by British and American officials was made in the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It was rushed to the scene of action by huge transport planes and is being used as the medium of exchange in that part of Italy that we now hold.

A part of its legend reads "Is-

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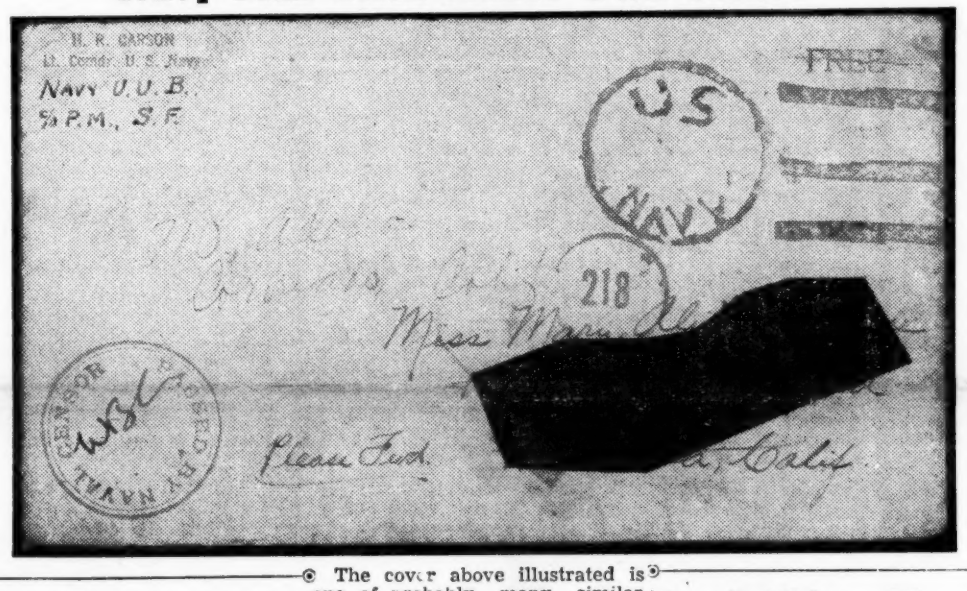
Navy Mail Clerk Makes Own Cancel



The cover above illustrated is one of probably many similar covers that came out of the New Hebrides after the first landing of American forces on that South Pacific Island. Few of them were probably saved since too few people realize the historic value and interest of such covers and it is fortunate for Philately that this cover was mailed by a Philatelist, a high officer in the U. S. navy to his daughter in the States. Thus the cover was preserved and will go down in Philatelic Circles as one of the interesting and attractive covers of the world war.

There is but little to tell about it, the cover speaks for itself. The cancel, crude as it appears was carved from a piece of leather by a versatile Navy Mail Clerk when he first opened a post office after a landing in the New Hebrides, with no postal equipment at hand. The mail must go through and go through it did even though handled with improvised equipment.

Col. Hans Lagerloef Provides Awards For Boosters For The S. P. A.

An unexpected and pleasant feature of the Society of Philatelic Americans' annual banquet, held at the time of the Mound City Stamp Club exhibition, in St. Louis Mo., August 20, 1943, was the announcement by Col. Hans Lagerloef of New York that he was establishing three awards, one to be given in each of the years 1944, 1945 and 1946, for the member of the S. P. A. who had made the outstanding contribution in that year to the Society's welfare and progress.

The awards are to be known as the Col. Hans Lagerloef S. P. A. Awards. In each year a Life Membership in S. P. A. is to be awarded. If the members winning any of the awards are already Life Members of S. P. A. other equivalents of equal value will be given.

The responsibility for choosing the recipient of the Lagerloef Award in each year is placed with the Board of Directors of the S. P. A. The necessary arrangements have been completed for the actual establishment of the awards, and all that now remains is for the Board of Directors to carry out the decisions at the appropriate time in each year. It is understood that the Lagerloef Award will be made at the annal business meeting or banquet in August of each year.

ITALIAN INVASION STAMPS

The New York Times, in the stamp column by Kent B. Stiles, scoopes the rest of the publications with a picture of the new Italian Invasion stamps in its issue of September 19th.

For Publishers Of Patriotic Envelopes

The suggestion is made by Leo L. Ross, PCEC member of Nashville, Tenn., that publishers of Patriotic Envelopes should take into consideration the army regulation as regards the men in the service being obliged to write their name and address in full in the upper left corner of the envelope. It is suggested that publishers should arrange their covers and the cachets on same so as to allow about ¾ to one inch space at top left corner of the envelope. This is a very good suggestion and we might also suggest that all publishers print some identifying mark in the lower left corner of each of their covers so that they may be readily identified. Donald Yontz of Freeville, N. Y., has adopted this plan and his new set of Patriotics has a small "Y" in the design on each cover excepting one on which it seems to have been omitted.

Calendar For Overrun Nations Stamps

Country	Date of Issue	First Day City	Covers Canceled	Stamps Sold	Face Value
Poland	June 22	Washington	136,002	1,053,011	$52,650.55
		Chicago	86,170		
Czechoslav	July 12	Washington	145,112	617,801	30,890.05
Norway	July 27	Washington	130,054	627,927	31,396.35
Luxemburg	Aug. 10	Washington	166,367	552.749	27,637.45
Netherland	Aug. 24	Washington	148,763	537,720	26,886.00
Belgium	Sept. 14	Washington	——	——	——
France	Sept. 28	Washington	——	——	——
Greece	Oct. 12	Washington	——	——	——
Yugoslav	*Oct. 26	——	——	——	——
Albania	*Nov. 9	——	——	——	——
Austria	*Nov. 23	——	——	——	——
Denmark	*Dec. 7	——	——	——	——

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The affair wil be under the auspices if the Omaha Philatelic Society, Chapter No. 1, and in honor of the tenth anniversary of the founding of the regional organization. The convention will be much streamlined on account of wartime transportation difficulties, but the meeting otherwise will have the usual philatelic and social features.

There will be competitive exhibits, a government stamp display, a convention postal station, a mail auction, a commemorative seal, a special cachet, a dealers' bourse, a banquet, a bar and other diversions.

For entry prospectus, address Edw. K. Stockfield, 4607 Woolworth Ave., Omaha 6, Nebr.

For Mail Auction Catalog, C. Lam, 1026 W. O. W. Bldg., Omaha 2.

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There will also be the annual business meetings of the regional society, and an announcement of the election of the new officers of the society by mail ballots.

AIR MAIL COVERS

SAMUEL S. GOLDSTICKER, JR. (Dept Ed.)
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Ripley, West Virginia, will become a new pick-up point on All-American Aviation's route AM-49-A between Charleston, W. Va., September 27th. As most of you probably know, AM-49 is the pick-up route where planes pick-up and discharge mail and express at intermediate points without making a landing. The postmaster at Ripley is expected to have a first flight cachet, which will be applied to covers. Pittsburgh, Penna., and Huntington, W. Va. are the termini of AM-49-A.

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I expected to include a write-up of the recent KLM first flight between Curacao and Miami in this week's column, but unfortunately someone at the KLM office must have slipped up and forgot to mail me the information yet, so I'll have to postpone it until some other time. However, the following information may be of interest to you. No covers addressed to points in the United States were backstamped at Miami except those covers which KLM put through and which were addressed "K L M - Royal Dutch Airlines (-) Gen. Dely - Miami, Fla." Consequently, only a minor part of the Willemstad and Aruba covers are backstamped, but all of the Camaguey and Kingston covers are (since they were all addressed to KLM.)

There were two types of envelopes used by KLM, the regular style which was illustrated, and also a grayish-blue lightweight envelope. The KLM cachet is about the same on both style envelopes, although the lettering is quite different. The only lightweight envelopes I have seen were from Aruba, even though it is possible that covers from Curacao are also on these envelopes.

The cachet was the same at both Curacoa and Aruba, the Curacao being applied in purple and the Aruba in a very light green (so light that you can hardly see it.) There were no cachets applied at either Kingston or Camaguay, although the regular KLM enevlopes were used from these two points. Both the cachets and the postmarks were applied very poorly at Curacao and Aruba, and of the numerous covers which I have seen, only one of them was really cancelled and cacheted perfectly. Covers from these two points are cancelled by hand 16-8.43, which was the date of the flight. Covers from Camaguay are cancelled by hand August 17, 1943 3 PM, while those from Kingston were cancelled both ways (hand or machine.) Those cancelled by hand were cancelled "Au 16 3, while those that were sent through the machine were postmarked 16AUG 12-30-PM 1943.

There were 11,787 covers sent from Willemstad Curacao, 6,173 from Oranjestad Aruba 500 from Kingston Jamaica, and 500 from Camaguay Cuba. There were also supposed to be 500 from Port Au Prince Haiti, but the officials there refused to cooperate with KLM and at the last minute refused to accept any first flight covers for dispatch. Therefore, the only mail dispatch from Haiti was commercial mail without any identifying markings. The reason for the larger quantity of Curacao covers than Arubas was due to a slip-up of KLM, in sending the collectors the wrong covers. I know of many collectors who received double covers from one point and none from the other. In fact, I personally received six from Willemstad instead of three from each point. Over 100 of the 500 Kingston and Camaguay sets have been contracted for by the American Airmail Society for their members, and over 50 sets have been taken by the Metropolitan Airmail cover Club for its members, so that doesn't leave very many left for the general public. These covers should be very scarce in proportion to the number of Aruba and Curacao covers mailed.

I am trying to obtain from KLM the reason Camaguay covers are cancelled on August 17th and why some covers are backstamped August 20th. As soon as I find out, it will be in this column.

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Thanks for news to W. Smith, B. Nahl, J. Madjperac, L. Fischbach, M. Petty, G. F. Lancaster; also thanks to F. E. Cook for a Dedication Cover from Alma, Michigan.

You Can Help Keep It From Happening Here

L. R. Adams of Massillon, Ohio calls attention to an Associated Press Dispatch from A. R. Bone somewhere in Europe, and we have heard the same thing on the radio, that in Germany, all non essential business of every kind is to be closed and all must work at war work of some nature.

This will mean every able bodied stamp dealer will have to close shop, such stamp business as is carried on will be only by the old folks too old for any active work.

Do not let that happen here. Buy more and more war bonds, work, do not shirk, this fight must be won now if our way of life is to continue.

NEW GIMBEL PATRIOTICS

As yet we have seen but a single sample submitted by Mr. A. Altenbrand of Cleveland, Ohio but it appears that the recent new set of Gimbel envelopes is coming in a small stationery size, an envelope on linen finish paper with pointed flap. Size is 5⅝x3⅝ inches. the pictures are same as the last issue on regular size envelopes and in colors as before. A small copywright mark, "C. J. M. N. Y. 1943" is below the picture on the face of the envelope.

Cover Club Is Being Organized In Los Angeles

Cover Collectors in Los Angeles and vicinity will be interested to know that a group of Cover Fans are forming a Club in that City for the purpose of sharing the ideas and experiences of other Cover Collectors and to be able to affiliate with a National Organization, such as has been accomplished by Cover Collectors in other Cities.

Collectors interested in joining should drop a postal card to H. B. Manning, 5109 Edgewood Place, Los Angeles.

CONGRATULATIONS

Yes, congratulations to the Army Postal Service or to whomever the credit may be due for the excellence of the cachet and the splendid imprinting of it on covers as issued from the Back The Attack show in Washington. Few rubber stamp cachets have ever equaled this in clearness of design and in excellence of hand-stamping.

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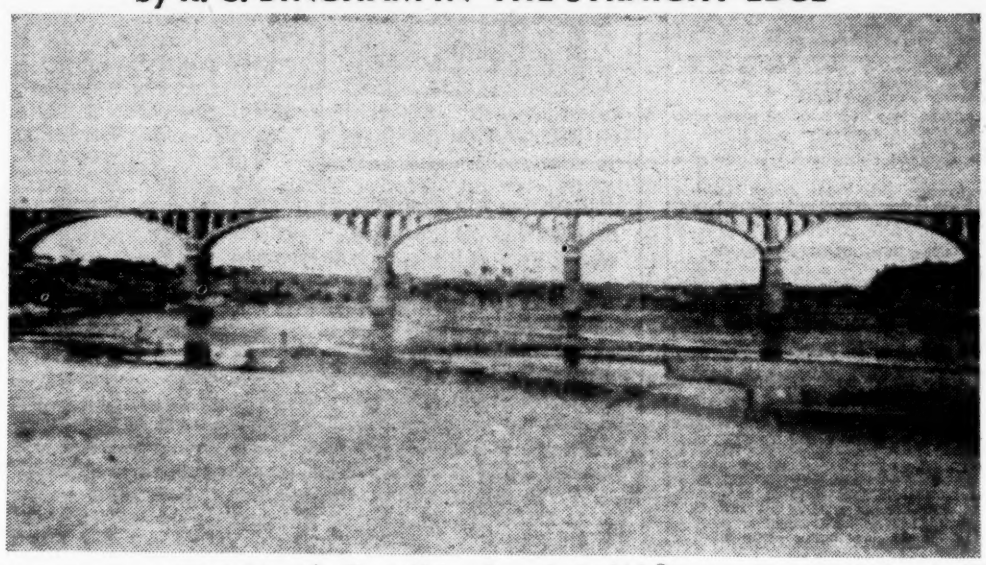
by R. C. BINGHAM IN THE STRAIGHT EDGE

SINCE our philatelic roving is not subject to wartime travel restrictions or "A" card rationing, this month we'll visit Uruguay, our little sister republic in the big box seat at the Argentine brawl.

In her strategic location between overgrown and covetous neighbors, Portuguese Brazil and Spanish Argentine, invaded and fought over time after time in their jealous quarrels, and harassed by- intestine revolutions and counter-rebellions, Uruguay's own antecedents have been anything but tranquil. However, in recent years this smallest of South American republics (about the size of North Dakota) has become the most advanced and progressive of our "good neighbors" in the continent to the south.

But to get on with our bridge story—For several decades, particularly since the Pan-American Highway was conceived in 1923 at the conference of American Republics at Santiago, Chile, Uruguay has been active in construction of motor roads and highway bridges. One project includes bridging Rio Negro (Black River) at Paso de los Toris near Santa Isabel in Tacuarembo Province about 150 miles north of the capital city, Montevideo.

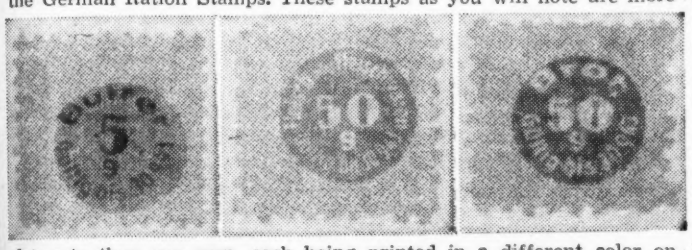


The bridge, only part of which is pictured on the stamp, is a beautifully designed concrete structure, 1938' in length including abutments, with 10 main arches over the river bed each 115' span and 11 secondary arches of 51' span. Piers and abutments of unfinished concrete rest on bedrock which is only about 7' below low water level supporting, 66' above, a concrete deck with an 18' highway and two 4' sidewalks. Parapets, parapet columns and electric light posts are of highly finished concrete in very attractive design. Field studies for the project were made by student engineers under direction of the Ministry of Public Works, the chief engineer being Augustin Maggi, assisted in the work of design and plans by two women engineers, Senoritas Juana Pereyra and Emilia Loedel Palumbo. It should be "aid and comfort" to feminine philatelic fans if full credit is given these ladies for the graceful and attractive lines of the bridge.

Construction work was handled by Contractors Ways & Freytag, Work began in November 1926 and was completed in March 1929. The cost of the bridge with approaches and accessories was $443,000. The structure was inaugurated under the name of "Centenary Bridge" in commemoration of Uruguay's centenary of national independence, 1830 to 1930.

GERMANY'S RATION STAMPS

Through the kindness of Mr. Frank O. Goebel of the Lincoln Exchange Club of Irvington, N. J., we are able to illustrate three of the German Ration Stamps. These stamps as you will note are more



elaborate than our own, each being printed in a different color on white paper, a background of dots and dashes is over all the paper and in the center of each stamp a round disc on which the commodity provided for is listed. The first above is with yellow ground, round yellow disc and overprinted over the disc in black we find "Butter" if the Germans have a word for Butter why is it not used instead of the English word. In the center is "5" with a "g" below it which we presume indicates 5 grams. At bottom in a curved line, "Gultig bis 30.9.43" which we hazard a guess means good until Sept. 30, 1943.

The second stamp above is in blue, the words on the blue disc in center are in white. The top line reads "Fleisch oder Fleischwaren" we presume this is a meat stamp although our knowledge of German is totally nil. This is for 50 grams and the expiration date is the same as for the other stamp.

The third item above is in red with red disc and white letters and is for "Brot" (we know this is bread.) It is for 50 grams and expiration date is the same.

If we are right in presuming that the "g" is for grams, we find on referring to the dictionary that gram is the French unit of weight and a gram is 15.43 grains troy weight.

Barney Levine Buys Gotham Stamp Company

Harry M. Sidlett who has operated the Gotham Stamp Company at 1123 Broadway, New York, has sold his business to Barney Levine who will carry on at his new address at 1150 Broadway.

Mr. Sidlett has entered the cigar business. Our readers will note the Gotham Stamp Company advertising in our classified columns each week and the new address will be as above stated.

STAMP CLUB NEWS

At the September 28 meeting of the Cleveland Stamp Club in the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Milt Cornman will talk on Ohio Presidents on our stamps. * * * Collectors in or near Louisville, Ky., are invited to attend meetings of the Louisville Stamp Club which meets every second and fourth Friday evening at eight o'clock at the Kentucky Hotel. * * * The North Hudson Philatelic Society of West New York, N. J., plans its annual Card Party for November 18th at Frank's Hall, 62nd & Broadway, West New York, New Jersey. Vice-President Irving M. Elton is Chairman, assisted by Joseph Berinoto, Emil Paulson, Henry Stoeckler, Joseph Davis, Mrs. Minnie Trott and Dorothy Bernhardt. Announcement is also made that Adolph Klingenstein of the Rialto Stamp Co., Lakewood, N. J. who recently underwent an operation is rapidly becoming his old self again.

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Chapter No. 1—PCEC

Louisville, Ky., holds the honor of being the first city which requested designation as a chapter of the PCEC. The collector members in this city have organized a small club for the purpose of holding monthly meetings for the exchange of covers as well as views, news and information of interest to any war cover collector. Collectors in Louisville and vicinity are invited to contact W. R. Tharp, PCEC 106, 422 N. 38th St., Louisville. We shall be glad to have similar action by groups in other cities but reports from such Chapters can not be given much space in these columns.

French Ship Cancels

Collector members who sent covers to Mr. A. W. Bendig of Etna, Pa., for a cancel from one of the French Warships that were in our ports are asked to be patient. Lateness in getting the covers has somewhat upset plans as the ship for which arrangements had been made for a cancel has sailed and other arrangements must be made.

Mr. Bendig is using every effort to get these through and will do the best he can. In event the arrangements fall through for any reason an announcement will be made.

Patriotic Cover Catalog

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381 James Victor Johnson
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A, B

C. P. S. ANNIVERSARY MEET

The Chicago Philatelic Society announces the holding of the 58th Anniversary meeting, and annual dinner, to be held in the Atlantic Hotel the evening of October 7, 1943.

There will be a reception preceding the dinner to be served at seven o'clock.

The regular (1358th) meeting will follow at which the speaker will be Mr. E. R. Jacobs, Senior Past President.

All Past Presidents of the Society have been specially invited to attend.

NO LIDICE POST OFFICE

What happened to Lidice. Shortly after the descruction of Lidice in Czechoslovakia there were published statements in the press that a certain town in Illinois had changed its name to Lidice. We have had frequent letters from readers who have sent letters to this postoffice and same are always returned with the information that there is no Lidice in Illinois. Can anyone explain how this rumor started.

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Flag Stamp Error—Other Big News

To Cpl. Earl R. Roberts of Casper, Wyoming goes the honor of making the first big find in the current series of Flag stamps. This is proof of the great interest in stamps that is evident among our boys in the service for Cpl. Roberts is an Indiana boy now in training at the great Army Air Base at Casper and his unlagging interest in stamps has kept him on his toes and has provided ample interest for much of his sprae time.

Geo. W. Linn

The stamp found by Cpl. Roberts is one of the new Flag stamps and the variety is an intriguing one for knowing something about offset lithography I am unable to explain in this newly found variety. Photographs have just been received from Mr. Y. Souren of Phil. Research Laboratories of New York and even with his vast store of knowledge of stamps and stamp printing, Mr. Souren also confesses that this variety has him stumped as to just how it has occurred. It will truly be something that will puzzle the experts and we probably never will know the real explanation for the error unless the American Bank Note Company printers will let down their hair and hazard a guess as to how this variety may have occurred.

We will not say more at this writing, we are still hoping to get other facts and details and next week the cuts will be ready and we will print a picture of this new discovery and announce the stamp with the hope that others may have luck in finding similar copies. Watch for next week's News.

Other news and pictures of interest are coming up also as evidenced by that illustration on our first page of a cover from the New Hebrides. This comes from a Commander in the U. S. Navy, we have three other fine illustrations from pieces from this enthusiastic collector whose name we are requested not to mention but suffice to say, this is only further evidence of the wide interest of our fighting men in their hobby even while in the thick of the battle.

Watch for these pictures and the stories which will come along with following issues.

Did you ever see German Ration stamps. You will find them illustrated in our columns along with Japanese invasion money of the South Seas. Watch Linn's Weekly for news and pictures of interest. Tell your friend collector that he too can get all this for only 25c per year.

We've Been Accused.

Our old friend Don Houseworth now sleuthing for Uncle Sam, along with other writers has accused us of being the only one in the country who thinks the new flag stamps are pretty.

Perhaps Don misunderstood us or perhaps he just wanted a chance to poke us in the ribs. We are ready to go on record as saying that this new series of stamps is attractive and interesting but taken as a stamp, none of them are good looking. The set is ruined by the same border design throughout, a design that lacks many things for an attractive stamp, yet as a whole, the novelty of the flags in natural colors is fascinating and attractive and pretty or not, the set is certain to be one of the outstanding issues of this country.

If that is calling them pretty, make the most of it.

That Patriotic Cover Catalogue

Orders are not yet coming as fast as they should. If collectors do not place advance orders the edition will be small and it is certain that it will soon sell out. The entire detail of the catalog, the form in which it will be issued, the arrangement of the pages and all other matters will be dependent on the number of possible sales. It is an expensive undertaking to produce a book of this nature, the work alone on the preparation of copy will consume enough hours that the time would well be worth triple what the catalogue may produce in sales volume. Then there is the printer to pay and the mailing.

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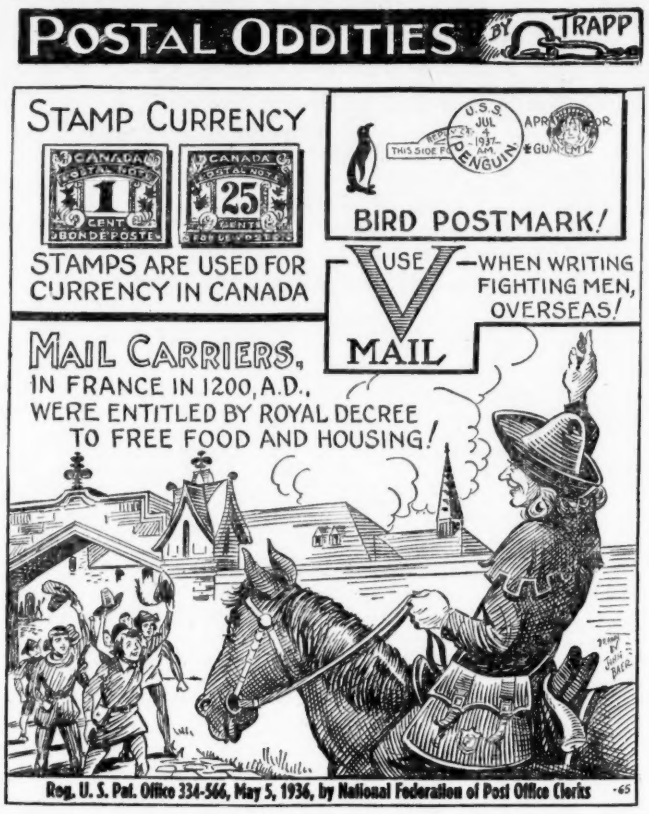
Thanks To Our Friends

To Athol W. Cliff for a first day of the Belgium stamp on one of the Army Back The Attack cacheted covers from Washington. To the Mitchell Stamp Co., Bladensburg, Md., for a Back The Attack cover with cachet.



News From Washington

BY L. C. Bean

Three different cancels are being used from the U. S. Army "Back the Attack" exhibit at Washington. A regular small machine cancel, a large hand-stamp cancel and an oval cancel for the back of registered mail.

Covers are available to collectors up to September 26. Covers ready to mail with address and stamps affixed may be sent to "Postal Officer in Charge, A. P. O. Back the Attack, Washington 25, D. C." A cachet about 2 1-2 inches square is being applied, so use a cover that will take that cachet on the front if waned.

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It is reported that the Secret Service is investigating the looting of the Portage Park Safe Deposit boxes in Chicago in which Elmer Stuart, Vice President of C. P. S. lost his 30 year accumulation of United States stamps.

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Al Kunze, in charge of the Latin American Stamp Section of the Pan-American Union in Washington has been elected president of the Washington Philatelic Society.

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Postmaster General Walker in stating that the flag of Poland was the first foreign flag to appear on United States stamps shows he is not a Philatelist for all stamp collectors know of many stamps with foreign flags on them.

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The new auto use tax stamp for the 11 month period is in gold and of $4.95 value, it is on sale at the Revenue Philateic Agency in Washington, D. C. The 10 month stamp for $4.17 is also available.

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An official Government cachet is expected for the dedication of the U. S. Maritime Academy, Kings Point, N. Y. This is one of the presidents pet projects.

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Rumor is that the P. O. Department is leaning more favorably toward a U. S. stamp with Old Glory pictured in colors.

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We are told that the OWI has instituted a Philatelic Newsletter that is to be prepared by Ernest A. Kehr of the Herald Tribune of New York. Our publishers suggestion that such a news letter be issued may bear fruit but such a letter should cover every Government department from which news might come.

Thanks to Lewis Barnett for the following: There are over 12 million stamp collectors in the U. S., including you and me and the President. There are 1.2 philatelists toeach musician (tho' the latter make the most noise—or do they?) The world so far has produced over 150,000 different varieties of postage stamps. NYC boasts of 175,000 school children who own stamp collections. 50 million is spent by American collectors annually for material. According to the experts the U. S. has over 15 collections worth a cool million each. In 1860 it took nearly 8 days to send a letter from Mo. to Cal. and cost $5.00 per ½ oz., now it takes 5 hours and costs 6c per oz. In 1776 there were 28 P. O.'s, now we have 45,000. N. Y. had 4 clerks in 1812, now has 20,000. In 600 B. C. Herodotus said "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night, stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." If you don't believe it, look over the entrance to the main P. O. in NYC some time.

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Set No. 7—Cachet Craft Covers—Here are 15 different two color covers, all real patriotic themes, postpaid ..... 30¢
Set No. 8—Sadworth Covers—This is another and later set of the fine virkotype printed, raised letter designs in brilliant glossy inks. This set has three two color and 12 one color covers, 15 in all and a beauty, postpaid for ..... 60¢
Set No. 10—Ioor Covers—All two color prints on ripple finish white bond paper. Set of 15, postpaid ..... 35¢
Set No. 11—Advertisers Press—This is a Lithographed set, each envelope in many colors, designs are all original and one of the better sets, 8 different, postpaid, only ..... 15¢
Set No. 12—Poppenger Patriotics—Poppenger flooded the country with printings of his envelopes on from six to twelve different colors of paper. The set I am offering is the set on white paper only, it gives you the designs in their best form as no color shows up these envelopes like a good white paper. I offer you 44 different, postpaid for only ..... 75¢
Set No. 14—Gimbels Third Set—Here is the latest and the finest of the famous Gimbel Patriotics. A beautiful prize winning set of 20 different, all lithographed in many colors, postpaid ..... 30¢
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(Four sets of above 50¢ or 9 sets $1.00 postpaid)
Set No. 16—Crosby Covers—Everyone knows the Crosby raised letter Virkotype print envelopes. These were the first of this kind and Crosby has recently made several new Patriotics to go with his already big showing. I offer 35 different, some in two colors, postpaid for only $1.25
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Set No. 18—Clifford Patriotics—Another short set of five, all in colors and in new and original designs, postpaid ..... 12¢
Set No. 19—Richard P. Boone—Boone has been one of the most prolific producers. He seldom printed more than 500 of any one cover yet he turned out new ones every week. I bought his stock of remainders of old covers since he is working on a new set. These old covers are in many cases rare items. I put them up in sets of 32 different and as long as the small stock lasts you can get a set postpaid for only ..... 75¢
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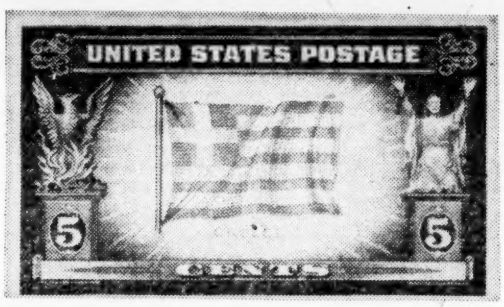
Stamp For Greece To Appear October 12th; Four More To Come

Washington, D. C., September 13—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker announced today that the 5-cent postage stamp honoring Greece, of the Overrun Countries Series, will be first placed on sale October 12, 1943, at the Washington, D. C. post office, and at other post offices as soon after that date as production will permit.

The central subject is a reproduction of the flag of Greece, in natural colors—blue and white—with the name of the country appearing underneath the flag.

Stamp collectors desiring cancellations of the new stamp on October 12 may send not more than ten addressed envelopes to the postmaster, Washington, D. C., with cash or money order remittance to cover cost of the stamps to be affixed. The Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., does not service first-day covers, but stamps of selected quality for collections may be obtained on mail orders sent to that agency, with allowance for return postage.



Stamp for Greece, to be placed on First Day Sale at Washington, D. C., October 12. The flag will be in a single color, pale blue, and white.

More Mail Is Going By Private Carriers

The United States Government claims and maintains a monopoly on the carrying of first class mail. Nothing in the nature of correspondence in sealed envelopes is permitted to be carried by any private carrier, unless it is franked with postage stamps of the proper value and amount and which stamps must be canceled by that carrier.

For years past, and we printed an item on the subject a few years ago, the A. & P. stores made a practice of sending certain correspondence including reports from branches, to their head offices in various cities. This mail in sealed envelopes was dispatched by their own trucks which picked it up when making deliveries to the branch stores. All this mail had to have postage stamps of the required amount on it and these stamps were usually found cancelled with an A. & P. rubber stamp of some nature, usually just a straight line stamp.

We now learn from Mr. Adam Gruenig of Ceres, California, that the stages and busses of the west are carrying more and more such mail. This mail must be cancelled by the stage or bus line which carries it and this provides an endless number of unusual and lations. The collectors who can dig up some of this mail will find a new field in cancellation varieties that will prove interesting other than strictly postal cancel- and fascinating.

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ITALIAN INVASION STAMPS AND PAPER MONEY

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sued in Italy."

At the same time, it was revealed, a comparable series of postage stamps will be introduced into the areas under military administration.

This is the first truly Allied venture into the field of military monetary expedients and an undertaking without precedent so far as the United States is concerned. The distinctive lira currency will be used in the payment of troops of all the Allied nations on Italain soil, and in payment by the procurement services for local supplies.

Government officials said the undertaking is designed to give the occupied areas a currency in denominations and terms which they know.

It provides an adequate circulating medium in sections where there may be a shortage of local currency because of confiscation or destruction by retreating enemy forces, or from other causes.

It avoids complication of the monetary system which use of foreign currencies might cause.

Previously, the United States forces in North Africa had used a regular back home currency with a distinctive seal, while the British had used a "military pound." Now, authorities of the Allied Nations have worked out this cooperative use of a single medium of exchange.

The preparation of this military currency and postage in advance of the invasion of Italy is itself an amazing chapter in the story of the gigantic and minutely detailed planning that preceded the expedition, a story that must, for the most part, remain untold until after the war. From the standpoint of the physical undertaking alone, there is no precedent for such a job. Presses of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing worked 24 hours a day, not even pausing for meal periods, for weeks, to have the stocks of notes and stamps ready for the final revealing overprinting when the invasion actually began.

The planning of the job goes back some four months, when high officials of the Treasury, the War and Navy Departments, the Department of State, and officials of the British government laid the groundwork in a series of extraordinary conferences held in utmost secrecy.

No inkling of the project ever was put in writing, no word of it spoken over a telephone, and no discussions of it carried outside the conference rooms.

Designs for the notes and stamps had to be completed under similar conditions of secrecy, and stocks of distinctive paper and huge amounts of inks of various colors accumulated. In none of this preliminary work was the country for which the notes were intended ever identified.

On the basic designs under consideration, where now the words "Issued in Italy" appear, the words "United States" were placed fictitiously, and where the "lira" designation is printed were such unrevealing terms as "dollars" or "shillings."

Basic printing of the notes began early in June, with the name of the country and the currency designation still omitted. Huge stocks of the partially finished notes were accumulated against the day when the "go" signal should be given.

The invasion news was flashed to the world on the night of July 9. Key employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing stood by their telephones throughout Sunday, and continued at their posts until the printing order was released by Army authorities actually on Tuesday, July 13. Huge presses immediately began to roll, overprinting the partially-completed notes with the identifying legends.

By Saturday, July 17, enough had been completed to load a huge transport plane, but transportation was not available until Monday, July 19, when two planes carrying seven tons of the distinctive money took off. Other shipments have followed, both of currency and stamps.

The currency introduced into Sicily is in eight denominations from one to 1,000 lira. The smaller denominations are half the size of United States currency, and the larger denominations the same size. It is made by a lithograph process, since the time element and the size of the undertaking did not permit steel engraving.

Except for the "lira" designation, all the legend on the bills is in English. The "Four Freedoms," Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear, appear prominently on the reverse sides of all the notes. Ornate designs in pantograph, of a neutral nature, are used in the series, so that it might be adapted to the needs of troops in further asaults upon Hitler's European Fortress merely by overprinting the proper currency designations and name of country on the basic stock.

Smaller notes, of one, two, five and ten lira bear a wheat field scene in brown on the face, with the denomination in the center. Blue, lavender, green and black borders also identify the respective denominations. The words "Allied Military Currency" appear on the upper margin of the face and in an ornate oval on the reverse side. The face also carries the legends, "Series 1943," "Issued in Italy," and a serial number. The Four Freedoms appear in the four corners of the note on the reverse side.

Four notes of 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 lira, borders and ornate design of the front are in blue, lavender, green and black, respectively, with the background on all four notes a pale blue. The denomination appears in each of the four corners on the face, and in an ornate shield in the center. The words "Issued in Italy" appear in ovals at each end, and the words "Allied Military Currency" at the bottom of the note. The face also carries the designation "Series 1943," and serial numbers.

The reverse side of these larger notes is a subdued brown, with "Allied Military Currency" appearing in a center shield, and the Four Freedoms in ovals at either side.

The Allied Military Postage stamps are in denominations of 15, 25, 30, 50 and 60 centesimi, and in 1, 2, 5 and 10 lira. They are all of the same design, distinguished by colors of the usual United States postage series. They bear a pantograph background, with white lettering, and the denomination in the center of the stamp, are perforated, and on a gummed paper. Both the stamp design and the overprint are put on in one operation on a two-color press.

Later information released by the Treasury and War Department give the colors of the stamps which are as follows: 15 centisimi, orange; 25c olive; 30c gray; 50c purple; 60c yellow; 1 lira, green 2 lira red; 5 lira blue and 10 lira blue.

We note in the above story that the currency will be used in paying all the troops of the allied nations on Italian soil and in the purchase of supplies in Italy.

If the value of the Lira is as it has been in the past few years, the boys will be burdened with bales of paper, ought to get enogh each month to stuff a mattress and can you imagine what a sight one would see with these Lira notes floating around among a couple galloping dominoes.

Belgian Flag Stamp Is Sixth Of Series

Our first cover for the Belgian stamp was that one from Kenneth Hinson who is producing the series in his own print shop by cutting linoleum blocks for making the flags and other parts of his design. This is really a very neat cover. The colors are pleasing and get away from the red, white and blue that has been so common on previous stamps.

Covers from other sources have not arrived as this is written but our local post office had the stamps on sale the day after their issue at Washington and local collectors are picking them up fast. We are told by local P. O. Clerks that about 100 or more different people in a small town of ths size, are asking for the new stamps each issue.

Early Date Found On New Dutch Air Covers

Onr own story of the new covers that came from the flight of the new Dutch Air Line from Curacao, as well as that by Mr. Goldsticker in the Air Mail Column mention the date of backstamp as August 17 and August 20.

Julius Zeitner of Portland, Maine writes that he has two covers which are backstamped August 16, a day earlier than previous dates. We hope that Mr. Zeitner will get in touch with Mr. Goldsticker and show his covers for proper examination and listing by the Air Mail Society.

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2c	.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
4c	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
5c	---	---	.60	---	.09	.03	.07	.03
10c	.06	.03	.28	---	.18	.06	---	---
20c	.15	.08	---	.25	---	.06	---	---
25c	.40	.12	.30	.15	.07	.03	---	---
40c	.08	.02	---	---	---	---	---	---
50c	.09	.02	.10	.03	.02	.01	.03	.01
80c	.35	.18	3.00	---	---	---	---	---
$1	.35	.05	.15	.05	.12	.03	.12	.03
$2	.35	.08	.45	.08	.14	.04	.15	.04
$3	---	---	---	---	1.50	.50	1.75	.75
$4	---	.25	---	1.00	---	---	---	.80
$5	1.00	.40	.95	.40	1.00	.20	.90	.20
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2c	.06	.02	.40	.14	.06	.02	.07	.02
4c	.02	.01	2.50	.70	.03	.01	2.20	.85
5c	.03	.01	.80	.20	.03	.01	.03	.01
10c	.03	.01	1.50	.60	.03	.01	.04	.02
20c	.04	.01	1.25	.50	.04	.02	.08	.03
25c	.15	.05	1.50	---	.15	.05	.15	.05
40c	.12	.03	---	.85	.18	.06	.28	.08
50c	.02	.01	2.00	1.10	.06	.03	.04	.02
80c	---	1.00	6.00	---	1.75	.50	---	---
$1	.12	.03	1.80	.70	.12	.02	.12	.03
$2	.15	.04	2.50	.50	.16	.05	.20	.05
$3	2.00	.06	2.00	.25	.75	.06	---	.08
$4	.25	---	---	---	---	.83	---	.45
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—General Stamp Co.

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URUGUAY — A commemorative series of four postage stamps was issued the latter part of August to commemorate the Centenary of the Founding of the Historical and Geographic Institute at Montivedeo. The central design shows a world map and a woman holding a book in her left hand. Values are 5 mils violet, 1c blue, 2c red, and 5c light brown.

—Spanton

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The Society of Philatelic Americans' Sales and Precancel Sales Departments, reporting at the annual business meeting in St. August 1943, state that business has increased during 1942-1943 and that they both can use a large amount of additional material from selling members. Those interested in joining the Society in order to use this service should make contact with the Secretary, Alfred Diamond, 11 South LaSalle St. Chicago, Ill.

HURRAY FOR THE INS

The INS stands for International News Service and we are giving them a big Hurrah for a wire that came over their lines under date of September 11 in which they state that Elmer Stuart revealed today the theft of his $20,000 stamp collection in the looting of the Portage Park Salefty Deposit Vaults.

Our paper carried this story six or eight weeks ago and the Philatelic press of the country has rehashed it several times.

Latest information on the theft is that Government Agents are making an investigation of the looting, which smells.

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U. S. Commemorative Stamp Facts

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Wisconsin

Jean Nicolet came to New France with Champlain in 1618 at the age of 20 and was sent to live with the Indians to learn their language and mentality. July, 1634 he started out from Quebec, reached the Hurons after a month of hard travel, hired seven Indians to paddle his canoe and crossed Lake Huron to, probbaly, Sault Ste. Marie, where he obtained information as to the whereabouts of another tribe he was seeking. He was then the first white man to see Lk. Mich., which he coasted until he reached Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The 300th anniversary of his discovery of Wisconsin was celebrated largely and after two years of agitation by citizens of Wisconsin a stamp was issued for the event.

The 3c—Landing of Nicolet—was issued July 7, 1934, in purple, perf. 11, unwatermarked. The picture is taken from a painting by Edward Willard Deming which is the property of the Wis. Hist. Soc.

Plates 21238 to 45, flat plate. Small minors. 65,000,000 ordered.

Precancel NEWS

BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

Dues

A few years ago the post office department gave instructions to postmasters of offices having rights to use precancelled stamps NOT TO PRECANCEL POSTAGE DUES anymore. This order was interpreted as meaning that it applied to offices "letting out on contract" the precanelilng of their stamps and to be prinmarily aan economy measure. Since it would cost the department absolutely nothing to precancel stamps in offices where the HANDSTAMPS were in use it generally was assumed that it did not apply in such cases. Merely the Department did not want to pay printer JONES any more for precancelling postage dues. Nevertheless a good many offices whether they used handstamps or electros have practically discontinued precancelling postage dues. The other day it came to my attention of a small town in OHIO that has been precancelling DUES and I know they have a legitimate reason for doing so. I wonder if they got permission, whether they did not need permission, or if they don't know about the ruling. Any way they have been using the 1c through 10c. The type is U-121, some inverts and generally a neat job. I refrain from naming the town because I see no harm in it and collectors can get some nice collectable copies for their collection. I have not noted any ½c values used so far although they might have did so. Can someone tell me the exact ruling on the DUE BAN?

No ½c Old Types

Here is another problem that I cannot explain as clearly as I would like to. Why there were no old type ½c bureau prints. The ½c was not issued when the perf. 10 rotaries were in use while flat plate stamps were being made. The department decided to bureau print ½c values when they were shown that two stamps had greater pulling power than just one, no matter what the value of the stamps. This of course was the departments contribution to the then tremendous effort in stimulating business. By that time though all type bureau plates had been retired and so none of the ½c value got the large imprint. There is quite a lot of interesting information about this stamp and several others such as the 1½c Full Face etc. that a chronicler could dig up and give to the reading public.

Catalog Note

Hoover Bros. would like all owners of the 27th edition to note. That all #371 items that are reissued and have been priced in the catalog at more than .06 for a single or .24 for a block, the price will revert to those just mentioned. This stamp is the 1c NARROW PRESIDENTIAL There have been about a half-dozen in this class already and more is expected. Lynn, Mass., Flushing, N. Y., Jamestown, N. Y., and Rochester are a few that have been reissued.

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New postoffices authorized to sell precancelel stamps during the month of August, 1943.

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Precanceled postage stamps in sheets and coils issued in August 1943:

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San Jose, Calif., Sheets, 1c.
Aurora ,Ill., Sheets, 1c.
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Indianapolis, Ind., Sheets 2c, 3c.
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Albion, Mich., Coils 1c.
Minneapolis, Minn., Sheets 1c, 6c.
Saint Paul, Minn., Sheets 1c, 12c; Coils 1c.
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Lincoln, Nebr., Coils 1c.
Omaha, Nebr., Sheets 1c, Coils 3c.
Albany, N. Y., Sheets 1c, 2c, 10c, 12c.
Brooklyn, N. Y., Coils 1c.
Cleveland, Ohio, Sheets 3c.
Columbus, Ohio, Coils 1c.
Toledo, Ohio, Sheets ½, 1c; Coils 1c.
Philadelphia, Pa., Sheets 1, 2, 10c; Coils 1c.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Sheets ½c, 1c; Coils 1c, 3c.
San Antonio, Texas, Sheets ½, 1, 3c.

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All 3c precanceled in sheets during the month of August, 1943, were of the WIN THE WAR issue.

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Note:—Although Mr. Lyon was inducted into the Army on August 14th, this service will be continued as usual.

ALL KINDS OF HOBBIES

Most stamp collectors have some other hobby than stamp collecting and to those who have other hobbies we recommend that they get a copy of the 'Post Exchange" a worthwhile little hobbyist publication. You will find it offered in our classified columns.

Some New And Novel Patriotic Envelopes

One of the most handsome sets of Patriotics is that new set just released by Donald A. Yontz of Freeville, N. Y. Mr. Yontz announced preparation of this set some weeks ago, in fact advertised it in our columns and then his trouble began. Orders started coming in, he had difficulty getting the kind envelopes he wanted as he intended to use fully 100% rag paper envelopes and these were hard to find. Then the printer was slow an dall in all the issue was delayed about a month, but now they are ready and Mr. Yontz is loaded with orders and may have difficulty in getting a second printing made. If you have not yet got this set see his address in the classified columns and get yours now.

A reader has taken one of the Athol W. Cliff first day envelopes for the Overrun Nations stamps and has hand colored the coat of arms in the cachet. This coat of arms readily lends itself to hand coloring and a good artist can make a beautiful set out of these covers.

One of the most unusual covers we have seen comes from Thornton C. Shaw of Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. Shaw has taken a full page magazine picture from one of the larger magazines, he has opened an envelope and traced its shape over picture, then cut it out and folded into envelope form. This gave him a picture envelope of a war scene on which he has placed a new address label and mailed to our office. Its the most unusual and novel one we have seen and one that anyone can copy with splendid results and thus obtain an unusual and unique lot of covers.

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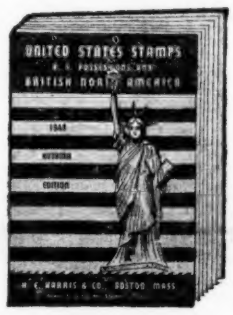

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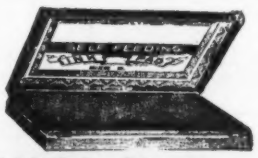

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